

BOARD OF EDUCATION DOCUMENT 1

The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in special session on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 12:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Koby Killion, Weldon Edwards, Bryan Wood, Skip Griffith, Julie Erb, Sandy Walker, and Bryan Woodward. All board members were present.

Mr. Killion called the meeting to order at 12:00 P. M. and established a quorum.

Consider and Take Action
On Order Calling a Bond
Election in the District
And Providing for
Administration of
Election
#1

Dane Richardson, High School Band Director, presented information regarding band enrollments, both current and future. The numbers have increased each year; if beginner classes and retention rates stay the same, future projections based on beginner classes of 90 and decreasing retention by 10% beyond grade 9 each grade level, could total 182 students. A low projection using 20% retention beyond grade 9 would be 128 students in 2017. The band is currently starting 90-100 students each year. The current band hall holds 90 students, is not conducive for handicapped, is short of storage space for instruments, and short of practice rooms, and room in general.

Daren Kirbo of Huckabee and Associates, presented information regarding a proposed plan for the renovation of the old Junior High gym into a new band hall. Band directors, Dane Richardson and Dustin Moses both had a big part in the planning of the renovation. The main hall of the new structure would be over 4000 square feet. This plan would keep in tact the original structure that was built in 1922, and also alleviate the problem of space needed for the growing band program. Current classes located in the old gym could be conducted in the old band hall.

Mr. Lewis Wilks, financial advisor for Coastal Securities, reviewed several scenarios to be considered for the financing of the \$2.3 million bond for the band hall. Numbers presented used the 2011 tax values and assumed no growth. Choices of a 20 year bond and a 30 year bond were presented. The district could save approximately \$1 million in interest by choosing the 20 year bond. The tax increase with a 20 year bond would be 3 cents and the increase with a 30 year bond would be 3 ¼ cents. For a

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\$200,000 home, this would figure a yearly increase of \$50.41 or \$56.89, depending on the length of the bond. It was also noted that this bond would include \$200,000 for band instruments; this amount could be paid off in a shorter period of time. A timetable of events for the November election was also included in the board packet.

Board President, Koby Killion, allowed comments from the public.

Gary Glick, local financial advisor, asked if old bond debt and the new debt could be combined and refinanced at a lower rate. Mr. Wilks stated that this could be considered and it would be looked at.

Tommy Wimberley told those present that in looking at the projection numbers of the band students, in March, 2006, there were 60 students in the High School band. Currently there are 56 students in the High School band. He also remarked that when band students get out of elementary and Junior High grades, they get into other activities in High School. Mr. Wimberley stated that he lost \$150,000 of rental income this year because no one is renting. There is no growth. He also said that the band hall was refurbished 5 years ago.

Dane Richardson, High School Band Director, reviewed the history from 2006 forward regarding the change in band directors that caused the decreased number of students.

Darcy Turner remarked that his son had 4 different band directors in 6 years. He also stated that there is a drastic difference, depending on the directors, and previously, no one recruited 6th graders. Our current band directors don't keep the kids from participating in other activities, such as sports. The kids don't have to choose. Mr. Turner said that his son plays football and is also in the band. He stated that it is imbalanced; he likes football but it gets it all and this is sending a bad message to the kids.

Mr. Richardson stated that there are requirements for band standards that we do not meet. There is no security. A low ball projection of future band students is 128, with 155 being the average. He stated that we don't have the capacity to take care of the kids that we have now.

Mr. Glick asked if a new facility would help bring competition here. Mr. Richardson stated that the band could host festivals in the new facility.

Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Edwards that the Board adopt the order calling a bond election in the amount of \$2.395 million on November 8, 2011, and provide for the administration of the election. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider and Take Action
on Agreement with
Stephens County to Hold
November 8, 2011 Bond
Election as a Joint Election
to be Administered by
County Tax Assessor
#2

Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Ms. Walker that the Board approve the agreement with Stephens County to hold the November 8, 2011 bond election as a joint election to be administered by the County Tax Assessor. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Scheduling Date
and Time to Canvas and
Certify the November 8,
2011 Bond Election
#3

Ms. Walker made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith that the Board schedule a special board meeting for Thursday, November 17, 2011, 6:00 p.m., to canvas and certify the November 8, 2011 BISD bond election. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Killion adjourned the meeting at 1:18 P.M.

Koby Killion, President

Date

Julie Erb, Secretary